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Mr. William F. Caton  
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**RE: EX PARTE: GN Docket No. 93-252**

Dear Mr. Caton:

This letter shall serve as notification that, on March 1, 1996, the undersigned met with John Cimko, Nancy Boocker and Tim May of the Wireless Telecommunications Bureau-Policy Division. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss GTE's position concerning FCC forbearance from applying TOCSIA to CMRS providers.

GTE also provided information concerning recent changes in GTE Airfone's pricing structure as such relate to certain TOCSIA provisions. This information is contained in the attached letter.

Please include this letter, and the attached materials, in the record of this proceeding in accordance with the Commission's rules concerning ex parte communications.

Questions concerning this matter should be directed to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

Carol L. Bjelland

Attachments

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RE: EX PARTE: **GN Docket No. 94-33: Further Forbearance From Title II  
Regulation for Certain Types of CMRS Providers**

Dear Mr. Cimko:

In 1993, the Commission's Common Carrier Bureau concluded that GTE Airfone was both an aggregator and an operator service provider pursuant to the Telephone Operator Consumer Services Improvement Act ("TOCSIA").<sup>1</sup> GTE filed a Petition asking the Commission, either through reconsideration of the Bureau's TOCSIA Order or through waiver, to exempt its mobile service affiliates from TOCSIA requirements. In several subsequent filings in GN Docket No. 93-252 and GN Docket No. 94-33, GTE has reiterated its position that the record supported forbearing from applying TOCSIA requirements to CMRS providers. (Attached is a listing of GTE filings)

At this time, GTE would like to inform the Commission of recent developments concerning the provision of its air-ground service. GTE Airfone provides end-user customers with unrestricted access to their IXC(s) or OSP(s) of choice through the use of 800-number dialing arrangements. GTE Airfone has recently implemented changes to its pricing structure that further fulfill the spirit and intent of TOCSIA's provision that no charge to the consumer for using an 800 access code be greater than the amount

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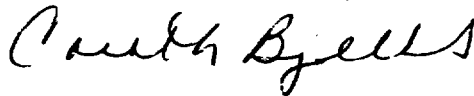
<sup>1</sup> FCC File No. MSD-92-14, 8 FCC Rcd 6171 (1993).

charged for calls placed using the presubscribed OSP. Under GTE Airfone's new pricing structure, calls placed using 800 number access are charged as follows: \$2.50 to connect + \$2.50 per minute (or fraction thereof plus tax). Toll charges do not apply to 800 number calls. Other end-user domestic calls are charged as follows: \$2.50 to connect + \$2.50 per minute (or fraction thereof plus tax) airtime and \$.29 per minute toll for voice, data and fax. Attached is a copy of a current GTE Airfone customer notification.

As matters concerning the implementation of Section 401 of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 are considered, GTE would like to remind the Commission of this issue, and reiterate that we continue to believe the application of TOCSIA to CMRS providers is not necessary to assure just and reasonable rates or to protect consumers.

If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact me at 463-5292.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol L. Bjelland".

Carol L. Bjelland

Attachments

## LIST OF PROCEEDINGS

Declaratory Ruling, FCC File No. MSD 92-14, 8 FCC Rcd 6171, adopted 8/18/93

Petition for Reconsideration Or Waiver, FCC File No. MSD-92-14, filed 9/27/93  
Ex Parte filed 10/13/94

Implementation of Sections 3(n) and 332 of the Communications Act: Regulatory Treatment of Mobile Services, GN Docket No. 93-252

Comments filed 11/8/93  
Reply Comments filed 11/23/93  
Ex Parte filed 12/17/93

Petition For Reconsideration of the Second Report and Order, filed 5/19/94  
Ex Parte filed 10/13/94

Further Forbearance from Title II Regulation for Certain Types of CMRS Providers, GN Docket No. 94-33

Comments filed 6/27/94  
Reply Comments filed 7/12/94  
Ex Parte filed 8/26/94  
Ex Parte filed 10/13/94

# PHONE INFORMATION

**International**

**Service**  
913-3786  
in the United States  
707-7574  
Service  
221-6903  
Residence  
952-6796

**Long Distance Service**  
1-800-541-7172  
1-212-213-1166  
Inflight (Dial Free Ship)  
215 Lexington Ave., 12th Floor  
New York, NY 10016 USA  
Residence  
1-800-MEET-JUL (1-800-633-8829)

**Missouri Power**  
24 Hour Account Information  
1-800-431-6655  
Additional Assistance  
1-800-399-5800  
First Call Van Application  
1-800-337-7783

**East Coast Shows**  
1-800-881-9700

ON BOARD

**International and International**

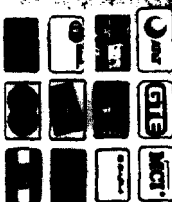
**Flight Information**  
1-800-424-6200  
General Information  
1-800-341-6922  
International Reservations  
1-800-JET-AWAY (538-2929)

**Reservations and Information**  
Reservations (TDD)  
1-800-333-8170  
Language Assistance - TDD  
1-800-436-5560

**Reservations on Demand**  
1-800-436-5561  
Reservations by Telex  
1-800-746-8053  
1-800-SHUTTLE

**Specialty Package Services**  
1-800-722-5545  
Reservations by Telex  
1-800-338-6877

## Using Advanced Digital Airfone Service



**Push Button to Release Phone**

**Easy-To-Follow Instructions:**  
The display screen will give you all the information and instructions you need. Just select a feature and follow the instructions.



**Call for Seat 12A**



**Coverage Area**

### FEATURES AND USAGE INSTRUCTIONS

**RATES AND BILLING**

Domestic Calls (U.S. or Canada): \$2.50 to connect + \$2.50 per minute\* and 29¢ per minute\* toll for Video, Data and Fax. International Calls: \$5.00 to connect + \$5.00 per minute\* for Video, Data and Fax. Calls to Mexico when flying over Mexico are billed as Domestic. Calls to U.S. when flying over Mexico are billed as International.

**Satellite Service:** For use over the ocean and worldwide. \$10.00 to connect + \$10.00 per minute\*.

**800 Numbers:** \$2.50 to connect + \$2.50 per minute\*. Toll charges do not apply to 800 numbers.

**Directory Assistance:** \$1.50 per call. Dial 1 + Area Code + 555-1212. For Area Code or Country Code dial "V" while in flight. This is a free call.

\* (Or fraction thereof) plus tax.

### RECEIVING CALLS

**HomeOffice™** Discount: Save 35% every time you call two numbers you choose. To sign up on the phone, dial billing code and dial 88TE (6483). On the ground, call 1-800-AIRPHONE (1-800-247-3663). The call is free and so is your HomeOffice membership.

To be able to receive calls when flying, simply activate the phone at your seat (\$2.00 activation fee) on every flight leg and follow the instructions on the handset screen for "Receive Calls". Only a ground crew can give your actual number to, with a necessary or fault by accident can call you. They dial 1-800-AIRPHONE and enter your actual number when prompted. Your GTE Airfone Card contains your personal actual number. To receive your FREE GTE Airfone Card, dial 4637 on-board or 1-800-AIRPHONE on the ground. (There are free calls.) You pay the same rate to accept incoming calls as to place calls.

### DATA AND FAX

The Airfone Service will accept modem speeds between 2.4Kbps and 14.4Kbps and will work with most communications software programs (Thruway = 2.4Kbps). To use the Data or Fax feature, simply dial "Data & Fax" from the handset screen of the handset and then follow the instructions. You'll need your own B-11 phone cord. For best results, set your software for a connect time of 60 seconds maximum and type of 2400 in the dialing directory. Handhelds accept option should be set at "V".

**OTHER SERVICES**

3-Why Calling - Air passenger can add a third party either on the ground or in another seat on the phone. (Each call will be billed separately on your billing statement.)

TDS may be accessed by dialing 4877 for Video and 4833 for TDD. Please check "Other Services" window under screen for more information.

### GUARANTEED SATISFACTION

On occasion, a problem may occur even on the most advanced system. If you have service trouble, just call Customer Care ("V" from the phone or 1-800-AIRPHONE on the ground) or write us at: 2809 Bluefield Road, Oak Brook, Illinois 60521 and we'll credit your bill.

**GTE Airfone**

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